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In re Application of
Toyoaki Namba et al
Application No. 09/127,067
Filed: July 31, 1998
For: SHEET POST-PROCESSING DEVICE

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: DECISION ON PETITION
: TO WITHDRAW THE
: HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is in reply to applicant's petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 6, 2001. There is no fee for this petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that an Office action was mailed on April 18, 2001 wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set. Since no response has been matched with the file, the application was held abandoned in the Notice of Abandonment mailed on November 23, 2001.

Applicant's petition includes a copy of an amendment and request for an extension of time bearing a Certificate of Mailing date of October 18, 2001 signed by Gerald Levy. The petition includes a statement by Gerald Levy attesting to the personal knowledge of mailing the response and extension of time on October 18, 2001. This is acceptable evidence that a timely response was filed.

Since a timely response to the Office letter was filed, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the response and then to the Primary Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the claims.

Telephone inquiries relative to this decision should be directed to Special Programs Examiner Kenneth J. Dorner at (703) 308-0866.

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